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SUBJECT: TIQs

25X1 1. first sentence says that TIQs are key questions, with the clear implication that, for reasons unstated, they have not been included in the KIQs. In the second sentence he says TIQs could be as important as KIQs, thus reinforcing the total impression of the paragraph that TIQs are on a par with KIQs and should be handled with equal emphasis and concern.

2. The obvious query is why should technical questions be considered on a par with and separate from all other KIQs. If you have TIQs, why not MIQs (military), EIQs (Economic), SIQs (Sociological), PIQs (Political), PSYQs (Psychological). This way madness lies, aside from the dilution and emasculation of the KIQ concept.

3. Another problem I have with the TIQ concept is that a large proportion of the National Intelligence budget is already devoted to collecting technical intelligence. While the chief object of this collection is to identify military applications of technology, it concurrently provides insights into the direction of technological research. This suggests to me that tracking potential Soviet scientific breakthroughs is essentially an analytical rather than a collection problem. Getting into Soviet advanced research labs seems to me to require about the same collection techniques as getting into the Kremlin, although I question whether an equivalent level of effort is warranted.

4. I don't doubt that some greater effort may be warranted to focus on and track Soviet technological research. I think the issue should be reviewed with appropriate elements of the community (Chiefly on the production side) to define it more clearly - i. e., What are the areas that concern us? How much do we know? What don't we know? How much and what kind of effort is required to find out? and Is the effort worth the cost?

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5. As suggested above, I would wholly disassociate the issue from the KIQs concept.



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